

**Remarks**

Claims 18-20 are canceled.

Claims 1, 2 and 8-17 are amended.

Claims 1-17 are present in this application.

Claim 9 is amended to be focused on the intended meaning, that is comprising a process of reacting a mono nitroxide.

Claim 11 is also amended to be focused on the intended meaning, requiring the mono nitroxide to be of formula (la).

The claims are otherwise amended to be more clear, to correct spelling and to have proper antecedent basis.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler A. Stevenson  
Agent for Applicants  
Reg. No. 46,388

Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.  
540 White Plains Road  
P.O. Box 2005  
Tarrytown, NY 10591-9005  
Tel. (914)785-2783  
Fax (914)785-7102